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This application is a divisional of application No. 09/175,448, which was filed on October 20, 1998, which is a divisional of application No. 07/882,284, which was filed May 13, 1992.

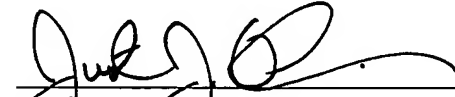
Claims 24-41 are now pending in this application, with Claims 24, 27, 30-32, 36, 40 and 41 being independent. By this Amendment, Applicant has amended the specification, canceled Claims 1-23, and added new Claims 24-41. No new matter has been added.

Applicant claims priority to Japanese Patent Application Nos. 03-138397, filed May 14, 1991, 03-138398, filed May 14, 1991, 03-138399, filed May 14, 1991, 03-138400, filed May 14, 1991, and 03-138401, filed May 14, 1991. Certified copies of the priority documents were filed in the parent application on August 19, 1992. Applicant respectfully requests acknowledgment of the receipt those documents.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration of the present application and early passage to issue thereof.

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